



Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: January 28, 2020
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find my report concerning various items of interest to the Town Council, the staff, and the community:

Council Business & Meetings

- *Public Safety Committee* – 6:30 PM on February 5 (location tbd)
- *Human & Community Services Committee* – 8:00 AM on February 10 (Rm. 312)
- *Community Planning & Economic Development Committee* – 5:30 PM on February 10 (location tbd)
- *Town Council* – 7:30 PM on February 11 (Rm. 314)
- *Special Town Council Meeting (MDC integrated plan)* – 5:30 PM on February 13 (Rm. 314)

Staff Reports

- *Mobile hotspots now available* - All three branches of the West Hartford Public Library now have mobile hotspots available for lending to West Hartford residents with active library cards. A WiFi hotspot is a device you can use to connect a mobile-enabled device, such as a laptop, smartphone or tablet, to the Internet. The hotspot is portable, so users can connect device almost wherever they are, like at home, on the bus, as long as there is T-Mobile cell service. Up to 10 mobile devices can use the hotspot at one time.
- *Moody's and S&P reaffirm AAA bond rating* – Both Moody's Investor's Service and Standard & Poor have reaffirmed the Town of West Hartford's AAA bond rating. The AAA credit rating reflects West Hartford's solid economic health, growing tax base, booming economic development, sound and conservative financial strategies, experienced management team, and long-range plans for infrastructure improvements. On Thursday, January 30, the Town will sell \$17 million in bonds at a low-interest rate, which will yield considerable savings over the life of the debt service payments.

- *Time to think summer!* - The Department of Leisure Services' all-new and improved redesign Summer Camp catalog brochure is live on the Leisure Services website. Summer camp registration begins Saturday, February 1st. It is never too soon to begin planning your child's summer activities.
- *CDBG Public Hearing* - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will be allocating approximately \$950,000 in CDBG funds to the Town of West Hartford FY 2020/21 budget. CDBG activities must provide a benefit principally to low-to-moderate income persons.

Two public hearings are scheduled during which interested parties can learn more about West Hartford's CDBG program(s) and make public comment on the Town's use of CDBG funds and its community development needs:

- 1) Monday February 3, 2020, 5:00-6:00 PM, Elmwood Community Center, Room 110, 1106 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford
- 2) Thursday, February 6, 2020, 6:00-7:00 PM, West Hartford Town Hall, Room 400, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford

Individuals with a disability, persons needing special assistance in order to participate in the hearing process, or those seeking additional information should contact Theresa Lerner, LCSW in West Hartford's Social Services Department at (860) 561-7575 or at Theresa.Lerner@westhartfordct.gov.

Announcements & Events

- *SlapChat* - What's on your mind? Share your thoughts and ideas with Senator Derek Slap on Friday, January 31, 10:30-11:30AM, at the West Hartford Senior Center, 15 Starkel Road.
- *Playhouse on Park shows* - Janet Yates Vogt and Mark Friedman's *TENDERLY: THE ROSEMARY CLOONEY MUSICAL* at Playhouse on Park runs through February 2. Tickets range from \$40-\$50 with reserve seating.

Playhouse on Park's season continues with Kate Hamill's *PRIDE AND PREJUDICE*, running February 19 to March 8, 2020. Tickets for performances February 19 – March 8 are now on sale, and range from \$30-\$40.